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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed December 31, 2002, please reconsider this application in light of the following.

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AMENDMENTS

There are no amendments to the claims.